

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 3, 2010. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 22-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,545,096 (*Honda*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,332,122 (*Williams*). The Office Action states that “method limitations are not germane to the patentability of a product in a product claim”. Appellants recognize the U.S. Patent Office holds that if the claimed composition reads on a prior art composition, then it will properly draw a rejection of unpatentability, even if produced by a different process. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the blow molding recitation in the pending claims is not merely a method limitation. As known to one skilled in the art, the method of forming polymer articles directly determines both the type of article formed and the properties thereof. Accordingly, articles formed from processes other than blow molding would necessarily be different and have different properties from those claimed.

However, Applicants further assert that *Honda* teaches forming a film from a blend of three polymers. From 15-45 wt.% of the blend is a low density polyethylene (i.e., a density of less than 0.91 g/cm³). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that *Honda* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended claims. Specifically, *Honda* does not teach, show or suggest a parison formed from a single polymer consisting essentially of the claimed polymer. *Williams* does not supply such missing limitation. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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